ABSTRACT

An information recording and/or reproducing apparatus using a removable disk-shaped optical recording medium (51) is provided which includes a storage unit (31) to store an axial-runout amount in a predetermined radial position on the disk-shaped optical recording medium (51) being rotated, a near-field light projector (7) provided to condense a light beam emitted from a light source (3) and which projects the condensed light beam as near-field light when located in a field near the information recording surface of the disk-shaped optical recording medium (51), a first controller (30) which multiplies an axial-runout amount read from the storage unit (31) by a predetermined gain to generate a control signal and controls the near-field light projector (7) to follow the axial-runout amount of the disk-shaped optical recording medium (51), and a second controller (40) to control the near-field light projector (7) on the basis of the linear characteristic of the return-light amount of the near-field light to keep a predetermined distance in the near field from the information recording surface.